



TINY T. REX AND THE IMPOSSIBLE HUG

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SUMMARY

Tiny T. Rex's friend is having a bad day and feeling sad. Tiny T. Rex wants to help him feel better, but he can't give him hugs because his arms are too small. He asks everyone he knows for advice and tries to do everything he can to figure out a way to give a hug, even with his tiny arms. Can he help his friend feel better?



Questions:

1. How does it feel when your friends don't want to play? Is it their fault? Do you sometimes have bad days where you don't want to play? What can you do to make your friend feel better?
2. Tiny T. Rex is frustrated by his small arms. Are there things you don't like that you can't change? Should you use that as an excuse or work hard to find a way to work with the things you don't like? Can you love yourself even if you're not perfect?
3. Does what works to help one person feel better help everyone feel better? Would math help you feel better or feel worse? Does everyone like the same things?
4. Can you hug someone with your heart? Maybe not physically, but how can you use your heart to make them feel better, the way a hug might help?
5. Does practice help you get better at things? Did you get better at reading by practicing? Did you get better at math that way? Can you also get better at being kind by practicing?
6. How do you think Tiny T. Rex felt when he practiced? Do you think it was easy? Do you think it was worth it to be able to hug his friend one day?
7. How do you think that Tiny T. Rex felt when the tree he was hugging flew away? How did he feel when he was falling?
8. How do you think he felt when he landed on Pointy? How do you think Pointy felt when Tiny told him that he had worked hard to give a hug and called Pointy his best friend?
9. How do you think Pointy felt when he got a hug from Tiny? How do you think Tiny felt when all his hard work paid off and he found a way to give Pointy a hug?